

Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached sheet of drawings includes changes to Fig. 1 (labeled "prior art").

Attachment: Replacement Sheet

Remarks

Reconsideration in view of the above amendment is respectfully requested.

A replacement drawing sheet with amended Fig. 1 is enclosed.

Claims 4, 5, 10 and 14-17 have been cancelled, leaving claims 1-3, 6-9, 11-13 and 18-32 pending.

Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of original claims 5 and 10. Claim 1 has also been amended to specify that the fastening element completely encloses the reinforcing element from the outside. Thus, amended claim 1 now specifies that that the reinforcing element is a supporting ring, and that the fastening element completely encloses the reinforcing element from the outside. This combination of features is not suggested by the cited references.

New claims 21 through 32 add additional subject matter further defining over the cited references.

New claim 21 depends from claim 1 and specifies that the fastening part has therethrough an opening through which the reinforcing element extends.

New claim 22 depends from claim 21 and specifies that the fastening part includes a surface defining the opening, the surface completely surrounding and contacting the reinforcing element around the entire reinforcing element.

New claim 23 depends from claim 21 and specifies that the reinforcing element forms a protuberance that prevents the reinforcing element from sliding out of the fastening part.

New claim 24 depends from claim 21 and specifies that the opening in the fastening part has a polygonal contour, and the reinforcing element has a complementary polygonal outer contour.

New claim 25 depends from claim 21 and specifies that the reinforcing element extends through the opening in the fastening part such that, when the fastening part is attached to the shaft, only the reinforcing element directly contacts the shaft.

New claim 26 depends from claim 1 and specifies that, when the fastening part is attached to the shaft, the reinforcing element is the sole part between the fastening part and the shaft.

New claim 27 depends from claim 1 and specifies that the reinforcing element is symmetrical on any diameter.

New claim 28 depends from claim 1 and specifies that the reinforcing element is annular.

New claim 29 depends from claim 21 and specifies that the reinforcing element is symmetrical on any diameter.

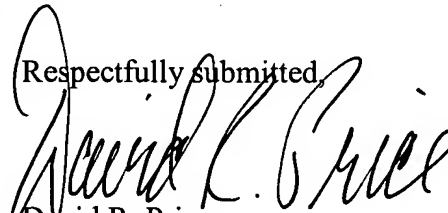
New claim 30 depends from claim 29 specifies that the reinforcing element is annular.

New claim 31 depends from claim 30 specifies that, when the fastening part is attached to the shaft, the reinforcing element is the sole part between the fastening part and the shaft.

New claim 32 depends from claim 31 specifies that, when the fastening part is attached to the shaft, the reinforcing element is the sole part between the fastening part and the shaft.

In view of the foregoing, entry of the above amendment and allowance of claims 1-3, 6-9, 11-13 and 18-32 are respectfully requested.

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